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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(c)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(c) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(c):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 4-348745 published in Japan on December 3, 1992; and

B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 9-131345 published in Japan on May 20, 1997.

The above-listed prior art are cited in the Office Action of April 25, 2006 by the Japanese Patent Office for Japanese patent application No. 2002-330856 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. Copies of the Japanese Office Action together with the English translation of the Office Action are enclosed.

Prior art A has already been cited by Applicant in an Information Disclosure Statement of March 1, 2006. Prior art B is in Japanese, and the English translation of this prior art is not available at this time to the undersigned. However, an English language abstract is attached to this non-English prior art. In addition, English excerpt of prior art B is also enclosed. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of this prior art B is omitted herein.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1), the required statement is presented as follows:

Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,

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